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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE Duncan W. McBRANCH, et al. ART UNIT: 1634  
APPLICATION  
OF:

SERIAL NO.: 09/934,680

EXAMINER: Frank Wei Min Lu

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FOR: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR  
NUCLEIC ACIDS

**AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action of March 31, 2005, and the Office Action of November 24, 2004, noting that a Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith, kindly amend the application as follows: